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April 16, 2004

Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re:

Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom, Communications Inc with

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc

Docket No 03-00119

Dear Chairman Tate:

ITC^DeltaCom requests an additional two weeks, until May 3, 2004, to file a response to BellSouth's letter of April 8, 2004, in the above captioned arbitration. This request is necessary because the outside consultant who is preparing the company's response, Mr. Joe Gillan, is not available in time to meet the original deadline

Because this arbitration issue is not scheduled to be heard by the Authority until June and because BellSouth is not scheduled to file a reply, neither the TRA nor BellSouth should be prejudiced by granting this two week delay.

Thank-you for your consideration of this request

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: Henry Walker / FA.
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via  $U.S.\ Mail$ , postage prepaid, to

Guy Hicks 333 Commerce Street Suite 2101 Nashville, TN 37201-3300

on this the 16th day of April, 2004.

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